CLAIMS

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

1-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Newly Added) A system for modeling a sound field produced by a sound source that generates a radiating sound field that comprises predetermined parameters, the system comprising:

N transducers, arranged to at least partially surround the sound source, for capturing the sound field and generating N signals that correspond to the captured sound field;

means for modeling the sound field based on at least some of the N signals, including selected ones of the predetermined parameters; and

means for selectively modifying one or more parameters of selected ones of the N signals to produce a modified sound field.

26. (Newly Added) The system of claim 25, further comprising driver means for receiving N signals corresponding to the modified sound field and driving a reproduction of the modified sound field.

- 27. (Newly Added) The system of claim 26, wherein the driver means is operable to selectively modify one or more parameters of selected ones of the N signals that correspond to the modified sound field.
- 28. (Newly Added) The system of claim 26, wherein the driver means is operable to independently modify one or more parameters of the selected ones of the N signals that correspond to the modified sound field.
- 29. (Newly Added) The system of claim 25, wherein the means for selectively modifying is operable to independently modify one or more parameters of the selected ones of the N signals.
- 30. (Newly Added) The system of claim 25, further comprising storing means for storing the modeled sound field.
- 31. (Newly Added) The system of claim 25, further comprising storing means for storing the modified sound field.
- 32. (Newly Added) The system of claim 26, further comprising storing means for storing the modified sound field, wherein the driver means receives the N signals corresponding to the modified sound field from the storing means.

- 33. (Newly Added) The system of claim 25, wherein the means for selectively modifying is operable to modify one or more parameters of the selected ones of the N signals based on at least one of a user preference, a loudspeaker compatibility, a predetermined module, and a preferred output arrangement.
- 34. (Newly Added) The system of claim 28, wherein the driver means is operable to modify one or more parameters of the selected ones of the N signals corresponding to the modified sound field based on at least one of a user preference, a loudspeaker compatibility, a predetermined module, and a preferred output arrangement.
- 35. (Newly Added) The system of claim 25, wherein the means for selectively modifying is operable to modify one or more parameters of the selected ones of the N signals based on at least one of a recording environment and a playback environment.
- 36. (Newly Added) The system of claim 28, wherein the driver means is operable to modify one or more parameters of the selected ones of the N signals corresponding to the modified sound field based on at least one of a recording environment and a playback environment.

37. (Newly Added) A method for modeling a sound field generated by a sound source that generates a radiating sound field that comprises one or more predetermined parameters, the method comprising:

capturing the sound field using N transducers;
generating N signals that correspond to the captured sound field;
modeling the sound field based on at least some of the N signals,
including selected ones of the predetermined parameters; and
modifying one or more parameters of selected ones of the N signals to
produce a modified sound field.

- 38. (Newly Added) The method of claim 37, further comprising: receiving N signals corresponding to the modified sound field; and driving a reproduction of the modified sound field based on the received N signals.
- 39. (Newly Added) The method of claim 38, further comprising selectively and independently modifying one or more parameters of selected ones of the received N signals that correspond to the modified sound field.
- 40. (Newly Added) The method of claim 37, further comprising storing the modeled sound field.

- 41. (Newly Added) The method of claim 37, further comprising storing the modified sound field.
- 42. (Newly Added) The method of claim 37, wherein selectively modifying one or more parameters of the selected ones of the N signals comprises independently modifying one or more parameters of the selected ones of the N signals.
- 43. (Newly Added) The method of claim 37, wherein modifying one or more parameters of the selected ones of the N signals comprises modifying one or more parameters of the selected ones of the N signals based on at least one of a user preference, a loudspeaker compatibility, a predetermined module, and a preferred output arrangement
- 44. (Newly Added) The method of claim 39, wherein modifying one or more parameters of the selected ones of the received N signals corresponding to the modified sound field comprises modifying one or more parameters of the selected ones of the received N signals corresponding to the modified sound field based on at least one of a user preference, a loudspeaker compatibility, a predetermined module, and a preferred output arrangement.
- 45. (Newly Added) The method of claim 37, wherein modifying one or more parameters of the selected ones of the N signals comprises modifying one or

more parameters of the selected ones of the N signals based on at least one of a recording environment and a playback environment.

46. (Newly Added) The method of claim 39, wherein modifying one or more parameters of the selected ones of the received N signals corresponding to the modified sound field comprises modifying one or more parameters of the selected ones of the N signals corresponding to the modified sound field based on at least one of a recording environment and a playback environment.